

## CLAIMS

- 1        1.        A computer-aided method of collaborating on insurance conditions to  
2        cover an international shipment from an exporter to an importer and confirming  
3        performance in accordance with the insurance conditions, where the importer is  
4        responsible for insurance coverage, the method including:  
5               setting authorizations for international shipment participants to view and edit  
6               aspects of data that  
7               records the insurance conditions covering the international shipment,  
8               tracks progress of the international shipment participants towards meeting  
9               the insurance conditions, and  
10              conditions release of the international shipment on fulfillment, modification  
11              or waiver of the insurance conditions,  
12              records;  
13              receiving agreed insurance conditions;  
14              receiving documentation corresponding to fulfillment of the agreed insurance  
15              conditions; and  
16              approving release and electronically updating release status of the international  
17              shipment, following the evaluation by the exporter or exporter's agent that the  
18              agreed insurance conditions have been fulfilled, modified or waived.
- 1        2.        The method of claim 1, wherein the setting authorizations further includes  
2        authorizations to view images of documents.
- 1        3.        The method of claim 1, wherein the aspects of data further record filing of  
2        insurance claims with against a policy applied to the international shipment in  
3        accordance with the insurance conditions..
- 1        4.        The method of claim 1, further including exposing to view by the  
2        international shipment participants status tracking information regarding  
3        establishment of the conditions and instructions for insurance coverage,

4 the documentation of fulfillment and

5 the approval of fulfillment, abatement or waiver of the insurance conditions.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the exposed status information identifies,  
2 for particular roles, whether the particular roles are responsible to carry out a next step  
3 in the establishment of the insurance conditions, the documentation of fulfillment or  
4 the approval of fulfillment, abatement or waiver of the insurance conditions.

1 6. The method of claim 1, further including selecting standard terms for title  
2 transfer / risk allocation in shipment and assigning responsibility for procuring  
3 insurance, based on the selected standard terms.

1 7. The method of claim 1, further including tracking the passage of time  
2 between steps, comparing the time passed to predetermined values, and alerting a role  
3 when excessive delay is detected.

1 8. A computer-aided method of collaborating on insurance conditions to  
2 cover an international shipment from an exporter to an importer and confirming  
3 performance in accordance with the insurance conditions, where the exporter is  
4 responsible for insurance coverage, the method including:

5 setting authorizations for international shipment participants to view and edit  
6 aspects of data that

7 records the insurance conditions covering the international shipment,

8 tracks progress of the international shipment participants towards meeting  
9 the insurance conditions, and

10 conditions release of the international shipment on fulfillment, modification  
11 or waiver of the insurance conditions;

12 receiving agreed insurance conditions;

13 generating documentation corresponding to fulfillment of the agreed insurance  
14 conditions; and

15 approving release and electronically updating release status, following the  
16 evaluation by the importer or importer's agent that the agreed insurance  
17 conditions have been fulfilled, modified or waived.

1        9.        The method of claim 8, wherein the setting authorizations further includes  
2 authorizations to view images of documents.

1        10.       The method of claim 8, wherein the aspects of data further record filing of  
2 insurance claims with against a policy applied to the international shipment in  
3 accordance with the insurance conditions.

1        11.       The method of claim 8, further including exposing to view by the  
2 international shipment participants status tracking information regarding  
3 establishment of the conditions and instructions for insurance coverage,  
4 the documentation of fulfillment and  
5 the approval of fulfillment, abatement or waiver of the insurance conditions.

1        12.       The method of claim 9, wherein the exposed status information identifies,  
2 for particular roles, whether the particular roles are responsible to carry out a next step  
3 in the establishment of the insurance conditions, the documentation of fulfillment or  
4 the approval of fulfillment, abatement or waiver of the insurance conditions.

1        13.       The method of claim 8, further including selecting standard terms for title  
2 transfer / risk allocation in shipment and assigning responsibility for procuring  
3 insurance, based on the selected standard terms.

1        14.       The method of claim 8, further including tracking the passage of time  
2 between steps, comparing the time passed to predetermined values, and alerting a role  
3 when excessive delay is detected.

1        15.       A computer-aided method of collaborating on insurance conditions to  
2 cover an international shipment from an exporter to an importer and confirming  
3 performance in accordance with the insurance conditions, where one of the importer  
4 or exporter is a party responsible for insurance coverage and the other is a non-  
5 responsible party, the method including:

6        setting authorizations for international shipment participants to view and edit  
7 aspects of data that

8        records the insurance conditions covering the international shipment,

9        tracks progress of the international shipment participants towards meeting  
10       the insurance conditions, and

11 conditions release of the international shipment on fulfillment, modification  
12 or waiver of the insurance conditions;

13 receiving agreed insurance conditions;

14 receiving documentation corresponding to fulfillment of the agreed insurance  
15 conditions; and

16 approving release and electronically updating release status of the international  
17 shipment, following the evaluation by the non-responsible party or the non-  
18 responsible party's agent that the agreed insurance conditions have been fulfilled,  
19 modified or waived.

1 16. The method of claim 15, wherein the setting authorizations further  
2 includes authorizations to view images of documents.

1 17. The method of claim 15, wherein the aspects of data further record filing  
2 of insurance claims with against a policy applied to the international shipment in  
3 accordance with the insurance conditions.

1 18. A computer-aided system that facilitates collaborative tracking of an  
2 international shipment of goods and approval of payment from credit facility, the  
3 collaborators including an exporter, and importer and insurance broker, where one of  
4 the importer or exporter is a party responsible for insurance coverage and the other is  
5 a non-responsible party, the system including a computer system, including storage,  
6 resources and logic accessible by international shipment participants, the logic  
7 adapted to:

8 set authorizations for the international shipment participants to view and edit  
9 aspects of data that

10 records and store insurance conditions,

11 tracks progress of the international shipment participants toward meeting the  
12 insurance conditions, and

13 allows the non-responsible party to electronically initiate shipment release;

14 receiving and storing agreed insurance conditions;

15 store and transmit documentation corresponding to fulfillment of the insurance  
16 conditions, without need for bank evaluation of the documentation; and  
17 process an electronically initiated shipment release, following evaluation by the  
18 non-responsible party or the non-responsible party's agent that the insurance  
19 conditions have been fulfilled, modified or waived.

1 19. The system of claim 18, wherein the logic adapted to set authorizations is  
2 further adapted to set authorizations to view images of documents.

1 20. The system of claim 18, wherein the aspects of data further records filing  
2 of insurance claims with against a policy applied to the international shipment in  
3 accordance with the insurance conditions.